

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1 and 5-18 were pending and subject to restriction requirements. In this response, no claim has been canceled or amended. No new matter has been added.

Specifically, the Examiner stated that the newly submitted claims 1 and 5-18 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the claims previously submitted (see 6/21/2005 Office Action, page 2). Applicants respectfully disagree.

In the previous response, independent claim 1 was amended to add additional limitations to further narrow the scope of the claim. It is respectfully submitted that applicants did not broaden the scope of claim 1, where most of the limitations were retained. The only terms removed from claim 1 were the duplicated terms in the preamble. Independent claims 17-18 include limitations similar to those recited in claim 1 and rest of the claims depend from one of the above independent claims. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that applicants did not change the scope of the invention as claimed. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.


In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully submit the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

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Respectfully submitted,

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